(c) A survey for construction of new BG line between Ankola and Hubli was carried out in 1992. The cost of 164 kms length of new BG line was assessed at Rs. 236.80 crores with a rate of return of 16.7 per cent. However, in the meantime, conversion of Hospet-Hubli-Goa (489 kms) has been approved under project Unigauge Consequent to this a reappraisal of traffic potential on the line is being done. Further action depend on the results of the reappraisal and availability of resources in the coming years.

उज्जैन-अगरा छोटी लाइन परियोजना का स्थगन

403. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पश्चिमी रेलवे में उज्जैन-अगरा छोटी लाइन परियोजना स्थगित कर दी गयी है और इसकी पटरियों को हटा दिया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार का इसके स्थान पर बड़ी लाइन बिछाने का विचार है ;

(ग) क्या उज्जैन-अगरा रामगंज मंडी रेल लाइन बिछाने के लिए कोई सर्वेक्षण किया गया है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी ब्यौरा तथा सर्वेक्षण के निष्कर्ष क्या है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० सी० लेंका) :(क) जी हां ।

(ख) और (ग) जी नहीं ।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Broad gauge rake for the palace on Wheels

404. SHRIMATI KAMALA SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are specific options Government are considering to raise resources to fund the new broad gauge rake for the Palace on Wheels; and

(b) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Possibilities are being explored of financing the cost of construction of the new broad gauge rake of the Palace on Wheels on a cost-sharing basis with Rajasthan Tourism Development Ctrporation.

Complaints against Engineering Wing of South Central Railway

405. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are certain complaints against Engineering Wing of South Central Railway;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken to redress the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The complaints against Engineering Wing of South Central Railway pertain to acceptance of sub-standard work, irregularities in the processing of tenders, acceptance of high rates, etc.

(c) whenever such complaints are received, investigations are conducted into these complaints by Railway Vigilance. Based on the results of investigations, appropriate disciplinary action is taken against delinquent Railway officials in consultation with the Central Vigilance Ctmmission.

Amount spent on advertisements by South Central Railway

406. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount spent by South Central Railway on advertisements; and

(b) what are the details year-wise for the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) the total amount spent by South Central Railway on advertisements is Rs. 3,65,000/- for the period from April '93 to June 93 during 1993-94.

(b) The details of the amount spent on advertisements year-wise for the last five years are as given below:—

Year	Amount (in Rs.)
(1) 1988-89	58,200/-
(2) 1989-90	1,66,300/-
(3) 1990-91	44.100/-
(4) 1991-92	1,36,000/-
(5) 1992-93	21,82,000/-

Derailment of Kochi-Bound Kurla Express

407. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of persons died recently when the Kochi-bound Kurla Express rammed into derailed goods wagons at Samal Pethai on Jolarpet-Erode section in T.N.;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof station the number of persons killed, the number of passengers injured, the amount of compensation paid to the families of the victims and to those injured; and

(c) the outcome of the inquiry conducted into the accident and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On Jolarpettai-Erode section of Southern Railway, on 1.6.1993 around 23.30 hrs. 17 wagons of Up Goods Train while entering Samalpatti station derailed. Some of the wagons infringed the adjacent Down Line. Within few minutes of the mishap, 6635 Kurla-Cochin Express came running on the Down Line and collided with the capsized goods wagons. Consequently, 21 persons died, 31 persons received grievous injuries and 13 received simple injuries.

No claim, arising out of the accident, for compensation has been received in Railway Claims Tribunal, Madras. However, a total sum of Rs. 1,53,750/- has been paid as ex gratia to the families of killed and injured passengers.

(c) Commissioner of Railway Safety, Southern Circle, Bangalore, is conducting Statutory Inquiry into this accident and his report is awaited.

निजामुद्दीन रेलवे स्टेशन के समीप वाशिंग एण्ड कोचिंग काम्प्लेक्स का निर्माण

408. श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि निजामुद्दीन रेलवे स्टेशन के पास 23 करोड़ रु० की लागत से बनाया गया वाशिंग एण्ड कोचिंग काम्पलेक्स अब लाईन सहित धंस रहा है ;